

Submitting Observations via eBird

Instructions for Earlham College Birding Big Day

If you are not familiar with eBird, go outside and spend 10 minutes recording the birds you see (species and numbers of each), then sign in or create an account on eBird to practice recording your observations before the BIG DAY!

1. Visit ebird.org
2. Click on “Submit Observations,” then Sign in or Create an Account
3. Once you have signed in, you will see the screen “Where did you bird?”

You can enter location in a number of ways. eBird prefers you be as specific as possible with your location.

- “Find it on a Map” will be precise, getting you to the area of your yard, business, nearby park, etc.
 - If sending in separate lists for each location you visit is too cumbersome for ECBBD, we suggest you click “Select an entire city, county, or state” option and enter your day’s list on those broader levels (try to separate what you saw into different states if you cross state lines.)
4. The next screen is “Date and Effort” for details of your list.
 - Most of you will check “traveling” and will need to give a start time, hours and minutes birding, mileage, etc. Give as accurate details as you can.
 5. Then, record what you saw or heard on the “What did you see or hear?” screen.
 - If you do not keep a careful count of individuals, place an “X” in the numbers box for the species you found.
 6. Submit your list. Congratulations, you have submitted your records to the eBird international database!
 7. Once you have submitted your checklist(s) for the day, go to “My eBird” at the top of the page. Click on “Manage My Checklists” on the right of the page. The list you have entered will appear with choices of actions to the right.
 8. Click “Share” for your list. In the top box enter “earlham” and then “Share.” You will get a response that shows the list and has “Yay! This checklist has been shared” at the top. You have submitted your list to the ECBBD!

Thank you for being part of Earlham College Birding Big Day!